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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS ON HOUSE VOTE

1. THURSDAY'S VOTE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REJECTING
A PARTIAL LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO RECEIVED BANNER HEADLINE
PLAY IN FRIDAY (JULY 25) EDITIONS OF THE TURKISH PRESS. BUT
THE STORY BROKE TOO LATE FOR EDITORIAL REACTION OR OFFICIAL
COMMENT. INDEED, THE SMALL, CONSERVATIVE ANKARA DAILY ADALET
WENT TO PRESS BEFORE THE VOTE WITH THE HEADLINE: "USA IS
PARTIALLY LIFTING THE ARMS EMBARGO".

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2. HEADLINE TREATMENT IN ALL MAJOR DAILIES WAS STRAIGHTFORWARD,

ALTHOUGH HURRIYET NOTED IN AN OVERLINE: "THE GREEK PRESSURE GROUPS WON" AND AN UNDERLINE IN BARIS REPORTED THAT GREEK SYMPATHIZERS IN THE VISITORS' GALLERY OF THE HOUSE DEMONSTRATED WHEN THE VOTE WAS TAKEN.

3. STORIES--BOTH THOSE BASED ON WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS AND THOSE FROM CORRESPONDENTS IN WASHINGTON-- GAVE HEAVY EMPHASIS TO INTENSE EFFORTS BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO OBTAIN PASSAGE OF THE BILL. THEY ALSO GAVE DETAILED REPORTS ON DEBATE ON THE HOUSE FLOOR. MOST ACCOUNTS NOTED THAT THE REJECTION OF THE BILL CAME AS A HEAVY BLOW TO PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. MILLIYET, IN A SIDEBAR TO ITS MAIN STORY, CARRIED AN AP REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT FORD'S REACTION UNDER THE HEADLINE: "FORD: DECISION WILL OPEN THE WAY TO IRREPARABLE HARM TO U.S. SECURITY INTERESTS."

4. IN RELATED COVERAGE, SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN CARRIED A FRONT-PAGE PICTURE OF SENATOR KENNEDY, REP. BRADEMAS AND REP. SARBANES WITH ARCHBISHOPS MAKARIOS AND IACOVOS. THE HEADLINE OVER THE PICTURE: "THE ENEMIES OF THE TURKS ARM IN ARM". THE UNDERLINE: "AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES OF GREEK ORIGIN INCLUDED IN THE VOTE BLINDLY FOLLOW MAKARIOS."

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